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12/13/2013 Minutes

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 12/11/13, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, Jean Clark, Len Kardon, Paul Kent, Jeff Maxtutis, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Scott Smith, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Corey Rateau, Ed Starr,

Members of the Public Present: Deborah Savage (High Haith Road)

- January meeting will be on Monday Jan. 13, in the 2nd floor conference room, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, to be followed by the TAC social, at the Masonic Temple.
- Public Comments. Deborah Savage, of High Haith Road, reported poor visibility at the crosswalk on Highland Ave. and High Haith Road. Jeff suggested it could be added as a pedestrian flag location. She asked about a bollard being placed there. Start with flags, monitor through the winter. Could request bollard and advance crosswalk markings in the spring if needed.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 11/13/13 were approved unanimously
 - Correspondence and handouts were reviewed.
- Town reports.
 - Laura (Planning) reported that the Arlington Center Parking Study is underway, there is a public meeting on Jan. 9, and an on line survey now open. Symmes intersection study is underway, and will make recommendations for traffic at Summer and Brattle, Symmes Road, and Mill Street. Bus route 67 service will resume to the top of Symmes Road on Dec. 30.
 - Wayne (DPW) delivered a written report.
- Lake Street. Working Group will meet in January.
- Master Plan. Rich collected comments from TAC members on Transportation baseline report. Met with Laura to deliver a memo to consultant. TAC requested meeting with the consultant.
- Appleton. Howard noted a number of concerns about speed and safety. When street was studied in the past, a stop sign was moved at Paul Revere Road.
- Mill Street Flashing Beacon: Jeff reported that he, Scott and Laura met with the Redevelopment Board in early December to discuss the flashing beacon at the bikeway and Mill Street, which was part of the special permit mitigation for 30-50 Mill Street, Alta Brigham Square. Deadline for fixing all problems and adding any new features is March. Wayne contacted Bill Scully about diagnosing cause of inconsistent power. It looks like it may be a wiring problem. ARB has asked TAC to attend a meeting in late January to update them.
- Jason/Mass/Mill intersection. Traffic signal design is under contract. Field work is complete.
- Lowell Street Corridor. The Highway Department will coordinate with Town Engineer and Police Traffic Control Officer to install regulatory signs, updated to MUTCD standards, on Lowell Street from east of W. Court Terrace to the Lexington line. Crosswalk sign assemblies are recommended to be double-sided with reflective strips on the poles. Advance pavement markings and "Crosswalk Ahead" signs are also recommended for Westmoreland and W. Court Terrace crosswalks. Voted

unanimously.

- Lewis/Franklin/Philips. Scott looked for crash data and found none. Doesn't seem to warrant additional action. Marjorie will write a report to Selectmen.
- Schools. Scott reported that Thompson school area is missing some signs. He will put requests into Town through Request/Answer Center. There is a Safe Routes committee meeting on 12/12 at Stratton at 8:30 am. Marjorie and Elisabeth will go. Jean will help.
- Route 2/16 MassDOT project. Project has been moved up to 2014, using State funds. Proposal includes widening Route 2 in Arlington between Route 16 and the pedestrian bridge, which approaches a bus stop. TAC opinion is that since the sidewalk has no connectivity to anyplace, it does not oppose removing it.
- Edgehill Road Stop Sign and Ridgefield Road. Jean noted that it is not a high volume intersection, but cars do drive through fast. Jean will observe during am peak hour.
- Jason Street Cut-through. WG met to look at data. Preparing for neighborhood meeting in January.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for December: Agenda; 2014 Meeting Dates for Transportation Advisory Committee, revised 12/6/2013; Minutes of 11/13/2013; Email from Marie Krepelka Re. Russell Place, dated Dec. 3, 2013; Letter from David Mohler, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, dated November 19, 2013; Letter to Erik Scheier, Project Director for Operations, MBTA, Re. Key Bus Routes Program, dated December 6, 2013; Comments from Transportation Advisory Committee, 11/20/13; Current Projects; Status of TAC Approved Actions, dated 12/11/2013; Working Group list dated 12/11/13; Individual Action List from 12/10/13; Project Status and Source, 12/11/2013; Memo to Board of Selectmen, Re. Information: Crashes at Palmer Street and Broadway, dated December 9, 2013
- Memo to Selectmen Re. TAC Project List, dated: December 10, 2013
- Memo to Selectmen Re. Street Parking: Park Avenue Congregational Church, dated: December 10, 2013
- Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard, Re. TAC Update Items, dated December 11, 2013.